



Mid Lakes Baptist Association NEWSLETTER

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I love this time of year. It is great to be able to get out and see God's beautiful creation. We are looking forward to the cookout the with the pastors and their families on Friday, October 22. I hope all our pastors will bring you families (those living at home with you) and enjoy a great evening of fellowship. We will have a campfire going and a hayride for those who want to go. Don't worry about bring any thing except your lawn chairs, hayride blankets, and an appetite. We

will grill burgers and hotdogs, and fix stuff to go with that. Please let us know of any special needs, dietary or otherwise, that you might have.

October 2nd is a day that I will always remember. First, it was my dad's birthday. If he were alive today, he would be 87. He passed away back in 1997 from lung cancer. Secondly, I will remember this day because it is the day I went back to Huntsville to preach the funeral of my oldest deacon, Bro. Harold Oliver. Bro. Harold was 95 and was just as spry as could be. He still did anything he want to up to two weeks before he died. Bro. Harold and I were very close friends, but he was also a great witness of who a Christian should be. No matter where he was, he looked to God. The day we sat on his porch swing and I had to share with him that while he was driving home from being with his wife in the hospital, she passed away. Even then, especially then, he looked to God. Maybe we all need to take a page from Bro. Harold's life, one that put's God first in everything, no matter what the circumstance. The other thing Bro. Harold did daily was praise God for being his God. Bro. Harold was not afraid to die. He also wasn't afraid to live. Why, because he knew God was with him. Let's walk through October with that thought in mind!

I hope to see you at our Mid Lakes Annual Meeting!

Bro. John

October 2021





**THE 155TH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

OCTOBER 11 & 12

“IRON SHARPENS IRON”

*“ Proverbs 27:17 “As iron sharpens iron,
So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”*

Monday, Oct. 11th, 2021 - Heritage Baptist Church

Meal 6:00 PM / Service 6:45 PM (Meal is provided)

Music: Ron George

Speakers:

Shane England - Fender's Chapel Baptist Church

David Chapman - Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Chase Wagner - Brighton Baptist Church

Testimony: Mrs. Heather Pruitt, Mt Etna Baptist Church

Special Recognition Presentation



Tuesday, Oct. 12th, 2021- Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Meal 6:00 PM / Service 6:45 PM (Meal is provided)

Music: Ron George

Speakers:

Charles Jackson - First Baptist Church, Morrisville

Derrick Lewright - Berean Baptist Church

Josh Lobdell - Bethel Southern Baptist Church

John Rhodes, MLBA AMS

Special Recognitions Presentation



We will receive a
love offering to go
toward the creation of
a new Block Party
Trailer for the Mid
Lakes Association!



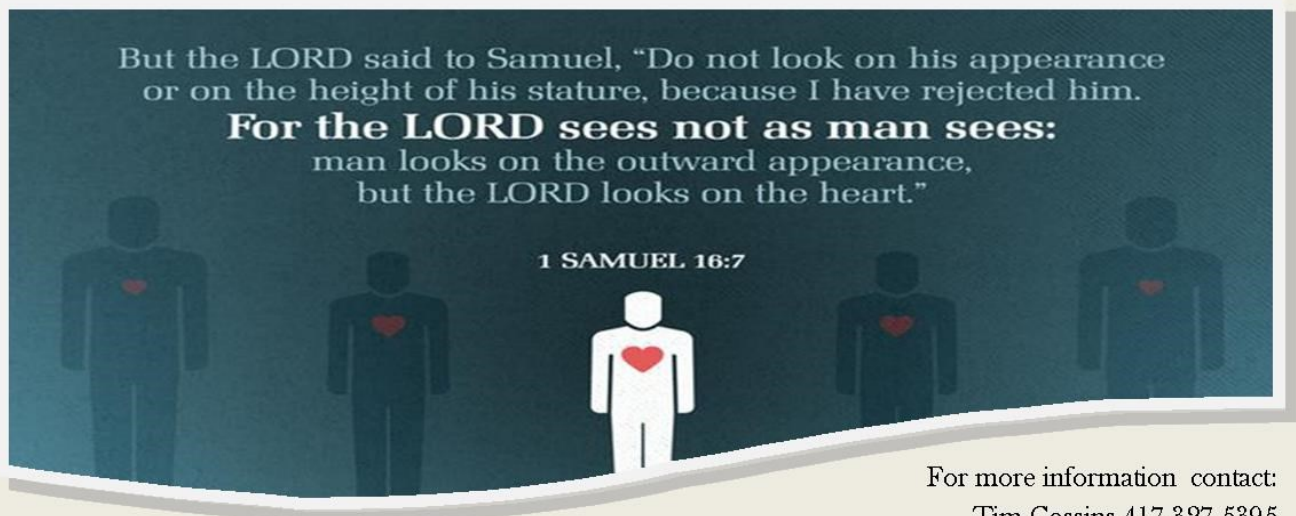
With Leaders:

Derrick Lewright

Jim Roller

Check out <https://midlakescamps.weebly.com>

For upcoming details and to register!



For more information contact:

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At Baptist Ridge Camp, Warsaw, MO



Please contact Ms. Jill McCracken to learn more about this year's International Mission Study on Prague.

Materials are available in the association office.



We want to extend a Christian Welcome to Dr. Richard Melson
as the 26th President of Southwest Baptist University.

Welcome to Bolivar.

2021 Sunday School Small Group Training

A missions experience for boys and girls in grades 1-6

Missions Exploration

**WORKING FOR THE CROWN:
SPOTLIGHT ENGLAND!**

October 16 9 AM - 4:30 PM
Concord Baptist Church,
Jefferson City, MO

For more info: <https://mobaptist.org/wmu/missions-exploration/>

A detailed illustration of a white teacup and saucer. The cup has a gold crown on its side. A small Union Jack flag is on the saucer. In the background, there is a red double-decker bus, a red telephone booth, and a model of Big Ben. A small airplane is flying in the sky above the scene.



1ST & 3RD TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH @ 8:30 AM
At Smith's Restaurant



**Pray for SBU
the 16th of
each month!**

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH OCTOBER

80% of pastors
feel discouraged

94% of pastors'
families feel the
pressure of the
ministry

78% of pastors
have no close friends

*Thank
you*

Your pastor could use some encouragement!

Pastors and their families,

WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!

Join us for a



Friday, October 22

6:00 PM

At Bro. John & Gayle Rhodes house.

Please RSVP the

Association Office,

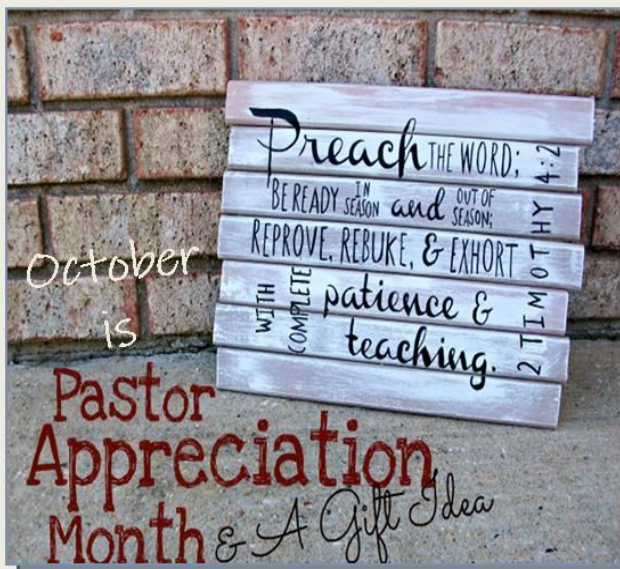
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Just a reminder that October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Do something special for your Pastor in October to show how much you appreciate him for caring for your soul. Remember his spouse too!

Here are a few ideas:

- Throw him a tribute supper.
- Give him a gift card tree or money tree
- Have a designated place for people to give cards of appreciation
- Give him an extra Sunday off (Even pastors need a break too) Your AMS will be glad to fill in that day.
- Or do all of the above.



**DISASTER RELIEF
MISSOURI**

UPCOMING TRAININGS

- WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
WAYNESVILLE, MO, SEPT. 10-11, 2021
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
BLUE SPRINGS, MO, OCT. 8-9, 2021

Go to www.mobaptist.org/dr for more information and to register.



**PACK A SHOEBOX
ONLINE**

Bless a Child in Need
in Just a Few Easy Clicks

START PACKING!

Samaritan's Purse
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

**IT'S THAT
TIME
AGAIN!**



KINGDOM FOCUS

"Seek first the kingdom of God..."
Matthew 6:33

October 25-26

Branson Convention Center

**2021 MBC
Annual
Meeting**



The Mid Lakes Association Disaster Relief Ministry is looking to sell the box truck they are currently using. It is a 1988 Ford F-450, 5 speed, with a 14' box. Our need is for a 16' tandem axle enclosed trailer with a ramp gate that is more easily accessible and can be pulled with a half ton pickup. If you are interested in this truck, or if you know of an enclosed trailer that is available, please contact Bro. John at 573-579-5993 or call the association office.



It is now empty and available to be sold.

Block Party Trailer Fund



The Association voted at our July Executive Board Meeting to start a fund so we can put together our own Block Party Trailer. If you have items you would like to donate, or you would like to give to this fund, please see Bro. John.

At this year's Annual Meeting, we will receive an offering each night to go towards the Block Party Trailer, so come prepared to give.

